AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Responsive to the Office Action, Applicant submits the following amendments to the claims:

Claims 1-12 **(Cancelled)**

13. (Original) A shoe shape selection method, comprising:

providing a plurality of shoe shapes for a foot, each shoe shape based on a predetermined foot length, foot girth and difference in length between first and second toes of a foot;

providing a customer having a foot having a specific foot length, a specific foot girth, and a specific difference in length between a first toe and a second toe;

obtaining measurements for the specific foot length, the specific foot girth, and the specific difference in length between the first toe and the second toe;

selecting an appropriate shoe shape for the customer based on the measurements obtained.

14. (Original) A shoe shape selection method, comprising:

providing a plurality of shoe shapes for a foot, each shoe shape based on a predetermined foot length, foot girth, difference in length between first and second toes of a foot and a specific first toe height ratio;

providing a customer having a foot having a specific foot length, a specific foot girth, a specific difference in length between a first toe and a second toe, and a specific first toe height ratio;

. obtaining measurements for the specific foot length, the specific foot girth, the specific difference in length between the first toe and the second toe, and the specific first toe height ratio;

selecting an appropriate shoe shape for the customer based on the measurements obtained.

15. (Original) The shoe shape selection method according to claim 13 or 14, further comprising

providing a customer having additionally a specific preference of fit;

obtaining the customer's specific preference of fit and including it as an additional measurement.

16. (Original) A shoe shape selection system comprising:

inputting means, selecting means and outputting means,

wherein the inputting means inputs a plurality of items of data on a customer to the selecting means,

the selecting means selects an appropriate shoe shape from a plurality of kinds of shoe shapes prepared beforehand, based on the plurality of data items input by the inputting means, and

the outputting means outputs the result of the selection done by the selecting means,

wherein the plurality of data items include a foot length of the customer, a foot girth of the customer and a difference between lengths of first and second toes of the customer.

17. (Cancelled)

18.(Currently Amended) The shoe ~~tip profile~~ shape selection method according to claim ~~17~~ 25, wherein if the angle of inward inclination of the first toe of the customer is equal to or smaller than a first angle (α), an oblique type shoe tip profile is selected.

19. (Currently Amended) The shoe ~~tip profile~~ shape selection method according to claim ~~17~~ 25 or 18, wherein if the angle of inward inclination of the first toe of the customer is equal to or larger than a second angle (β), an oblique type shoe tip profile is selected.

20. (Currently Amended) The shoe ~~tip profile~~ shape selection method according to claim ~~17~~ 25, wherein if the difference between the lengths of the first and second toes of the customer is equal to or higher than a specified value, an oblique type shoe tip profile is selected.

21. (Original) The shoe shape selection method according to claim 13, wherein the shoe shape selected has a larger shoe length size as the difference between the lengths of the first and second toes of the customer increases.

22. (Original) The shoe shape selection method according to claim 13 or 21, wherein the

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shoe shape is additionally based on a predetermined first toe height ratio of the customer and such measurement is obtained from the customer.

23. (Original) The shoe shape selection method according to claim 14, wherein a shoe shape has a larger shoe length size as the first toe height ratio of the customer increases.

24. (Original) A shoe shape selection method, comprising:

providing a plurality of shoe shapes for a foot, each shoe shape based on a predetermined foot length, foot girth, and a specific preference of fit;

providing a customer having a foot having specific foot length, a specific foot girth, and a specific preference of fit;

obtaining measurements for the specific foot length, the specific foot girth, and the specific preference of fit;

selecting an appropriate shoe shape for the customer based on the measurements obtained.

25. (New) A shoe shape selection method, comprising:

providing a plurality of shoe shapes for a foot, each shoe shape based on a predetermined foot length, foot girth;

providing a customer having a foot having a specific angle of inward inclination of a first toe, and a specific difference in length between a first toe and a second toe;

obtaining measurements for the specific difference in length between the first toe and second toe, the specific angle of inward inclination of the first toe;

selecting an appropriate shoe shape for the customer based on the measurements obtained.

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